THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Fund allocated for the development of the M. M. Choudhary Zoological Park by the Central Government are as under:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	2·00
1983-84	1·85
1984-85	0·94
TOTAL	4·79

Funds have not been allocated for the development of the Lion Safari at Chhat Bir in Punjab by the Central Government.

Appeal concerning the murder of late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi

@2312. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of appeal concerning the murder of Late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi;

(b) how much time was taken for the trial and also for hearing of appeal; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The judgement in this case has been been delivered by the Supreme Court.

(b) 11-1/2 months were taken for trial by the Session Court, 9-1/2 months by the High Court to confirm the death sentences on the three accussed an 15 months by the Supreme Court to hear the appeals.

(c) There has been no inordinate delay.

Consortium to boost processed food exports

†2313. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Times of India' dated the 7th July, 1988 regarding the need for consortium to boost processed food exports;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to create such consortium; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government for some of the suggestions with regard to the promotion of export of the processed food mentioned therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal being considered by the Government for the present.

Smuggling of coal from West Bengal to Bangladesh

@@2314. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal worth about Rs. 10 crores is smuggled out annually from West Bengal to Bangladesh;

(b) whether any steps have taken to stop this smuggling; and

(c) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE

@Previously Unstarred Question 1227, transferred from the 4th August, 1988.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1400, transferred from the 5th August, 1988.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1515, transferred from the 8th August, 1988.